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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating diabetes in a mammal in need thereof, comprising the steps of:

implanting in said mammal a tolerizing dose of insulin-secreting cells encapsulated in a biologically compatible permselective membrane, wherein said implanting step is subcapsular, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal or intraportal; then

administering to said mammal a therapeutic dose of corresponding unencapsulated insulin-secreting cells.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said mammal is a human, canine or feline.
- 3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said tolerizing dose is one to two orders of magnitude less than said therapeutic dose.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said insulin-secreting cells are pancreatic islet cells.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said membrane comprises polyethylene glycol.
- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said tolerizing and therapeutic doses comprise porcine cells.
- 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of administering one or more anti-inflammatory agents to said mammal prior to, at the same time as, or subsequent to administration of said therapeutic dose.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said membrane has a molecular weight cutoff of about 150 kDa or less.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said membrane has a pore size of less than about  $0.4 \mu m$ .
- 10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said membrane has a pore size of less than about  $0.2 \mu m$ .
- 11. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said therapeutic dose is between one and two orders of magnitude higher than said tolerizing dose.
  - 12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said administering step is intraperitoneal, intraportal or subcutaneous.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said tolerizing dose is administered incrementally.